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SUBJECT: GDR MEDIA TREATMENT OF FISCHER VISIT TO
WASHINGTON

1. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND OF JUNE 7 GIVES FRONT
PAGE COVERAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER'S JUNE 6
MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY AND WITH CONGRESSIONAL
MEMBERS. COVERAGE INCLUDES PHOTO OF FISCHER
AND SECRETARY. ASSERTING THAT THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AT
THE SECRETARY'S INVITATION, THE REPORT ADDS THAT THE
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ATMOSPHERE WAS POSITIVE AND BUSINESSLIKE. ND
NOTES THAT FISCHER AND THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED
THEIR SATISFACTION CONCERNING THE STATE OF
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND DISCUSSED "FULLY" POSSIBILITIES
FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS. FISCHER
IS REPORTED TO HAVE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD
TIES FOR IMPROVING THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE AND

TO ASSIST PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. "THE REMAINING OBSTACLES, PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC AREAS" MUST BE RESOLUTELY DONE AWAY WITH, ND ADDS, ATTRIBUTING THIS REMARK INDIRECTLY TO FISCHER. THE SECRETARY IS REPORTED TO HAVE CITED THE GDR ART EXHIBITION IN WASHINGTON AS CONTRIBUTING TO THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. THIS REPORT ALSO CITES FISCHER'S MEETING WITH US JOURNALISTS AND HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH CONGRESSMEN, INCLUDING ZABLOCKI, HAMILTON, AND BINGHAM. HAMILTON IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "THERE ARE ENCOURAGING SIGNS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES." IN RESPONSE FISCHER IS REPORTED TO HAVE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE FOR A NEW IMPULSE FOR DETENTE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.

3. COMMENT: THE PROMINENCE AND POSITIVE CHARACTER OF THE REPORTING OF FISCHER'S MEETINGS WITH THE SECRETARY AND OTHER WASHINGTON OFFICIALS SUGGEST THAT THE GDR WISHES TO COMMUNICATE TO THE GDR READERSHIP THAT THE VISIT WAS A NOTABLE SUCCESS AND THAT THERE ARE FAVORABLE SIGNS FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. END COMMENT.
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